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Content of a Basic Intelligence Course

- I. The general nature and purposes of foreign intelligence work
 - A. The missions of intelligence
 - B. The information U.S. agencies need about foreign countries
 - C. What use say they make of such information?
 - D. What service must an intelligence agency give in order for its products to be effective?
- II. The language of intelligence
 - A. Information and intelligence
 - B. Distinctions between national, strategic, operational, tactical, and other types of intelligence
 1. Raw and finished intelligence
 - C. Reports, analyses, estimates
 - D. Reporting and estimating terms
 1. The importance of accuracy and precision
- III. The broad categories of intelligence work
 - A. Collection
 1. Development of requirements for collection
 - a. Basic guides
 - b. Briefing of field personnel
 - c. Spot requests
 2. Collection methods
 - a. Overt
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